

**AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY ACP OBENDE O. L. ON THE OCCASION
OF PRISON VISIT BY HONOURABLE CHIEF JUDGE OF EDO STATE AND
THE MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE TO
MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON, AUCHI ON JANUARY 17. 2017.**

The Honourable Chief Judge of Edo State,
My Lords of Different Jurisdiction here present,
The Honourable Commissioner of Justice,
Members of Administration of Justice Committee,
The Controller of Prisons, Edo State,
The Representatives of the Commissioner of Police,
Your Worship, the Magistrates,
Your Honours, the Presidents of Area/District Customary Courts,
The Executive Chairman, Etsako West Local Govt.
The Chairman, NBA Auchi/ Igarra Chapters,
Members of the Press,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I consider it a great sense of duty to welcome you to Medium Security Prison, Auchi on this grand occasion of jail delivery.

We appreciate your effort in finding time, in spite of your very tight schedule and challenges. There is no doubt that your visit will bring succour to the inmates, as deserving ones would be released and others have their cases reviewed.

Your Lordship, it is on record that the problem of logistic and lack of water was reported to you by my predecessors in your previous visits. We are glad to inform you now that the Founder and Senior Pastor, Omega Fire Ministry, Apostle Johnson Suleiman have sunk a Borehole with a water filtration in this prison in April 2016. This demonstration of Love by the Man of God has not only rejuvenated the lives of the inmates but has contributed to security management in Auchi prison and by extension to the Criminal Justice System

Secondly, sir, a Good Samaritan, Alh Dekeri Anamero from Okpella, has just refurbished our grounded pick up van, which was supplied in 2005.

However, just like the case of ~~Oliver Twist~~ passionately appeal that you use your good office as we had always asked to bring the vehicular need of this prison to the Knowledge of the Governor of Edo State for solution, please.

Your lordship, Provision of additional Hilux Pick up for Back-up will help in ensuring security during court duties in Auchu Prison and help us promptly to attend about thirty-six (36) different courts across the six local government areas of Edo North as inmates' matters are often coincidentally adjourned on the same day.

Sir, it is noteworthy that you will be retiring after a meritorious service, which is the prayer of every civil servant. As I have said earlier, ~~Oliver Twist~~ we will continue to seek your fatherly advice at any point in time when the need arises. Your lordship, you are retiring but not tired and we pray that God Almighty in His infinite mercy will prolong your life to enjoy your fruits of labour, Amen.

I wish you and your entourage a pleasant time with us and I thank you all for your patience and attention.

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OLORUNFEMI LAWRENCE OBENDE
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF PRISONS